

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	19219	Agenda Number	18.
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Meeting Date:	10/11/2012	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of contracts for community-based housing placement services with two providers of HIV services under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant: AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC, for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2012 with four 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$766,445 for the initial 12-month term and each renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,832,225; and PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC., for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2012 with four 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$300,767 for the initial 12-month term and each renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,506,800.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,070,177 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, HOPWA-HUD grant. The initial grant period is October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon available funding.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	Approved ordinance No. 20120911-001, adopting and approving the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council reviewed HOPWA funding to be used for purchase of these services.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the amount of \$1,100,219 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). There is an additional \$2,965 being carried over from prior years. The EMSA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. Our annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases. HUD/HOPWA grant funds may be expended over three (3) years from the date of the annual grant award.

While the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office is the single point of contact with HUD, the City designates the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department as the program administrator for the HOPWA program. As part of the HUD required citizen participation plan, input from the community was received which resulted in continued support of both the Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance and Residential Supportive Services programs.

The approved Fiscal Year 2012-2013 City of Austin Annual Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$ 766,445
Residential Supportive Services	\$ 303,732
Administration	\$ 33,007
	\$1,103,184

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

OUTPUT MEASURE:

Approximately 377 unduplicated eligible households will receive rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance in varying amounts depending on demonstrated need. One unit = one dollar of rent, mortgage, utility assistance plus a 7% transaction fee.

Approximately 49 unduplicated eligible households will receive residential housing and support services. One unit = one day of residential housing and support services including meals, transportation, life skills training, counseling and assistance in locating long-term housing.

OUTCOME MEASURES:

Maintain the percentage of homeless persons who receive case management that move into safe and stable housing at a minimum level of 60%.